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This application is covered by the extended European search report pilot project at present running within the European Patent Office, applied to all European patent applications filed as first filing and searched on or after 01.07.03. Under this project the EPO issues together with the search report an opinion on whether the application and the invention to which it relates meet the requirements of the EPC. This non-binding opinion is issued free of charge as a service. This opinion may be used as the basis for an informed decision as to whether it is desired to pursue the application further or not.

For further details of this pilot project, the applicant's attention is directed to the Official Journal edition 5/2003. If any further immediate questions or comments arise the EPO Customer Services: +31-70-340 4500 or +49-89-2399 2828 can be contacted.

The attached opinion reveals that the application or the invention to which it relates appear not to meet the requirements of the Convention (see comments on enclosed Form 2906).

If the applicant wishes to continue with this application the examination fee must be paid. Where appropriate amendments can be filed to address the objections raised in the opinion, thus shortening the overall procedure. If no amendments are filed, the opinion will be re-issued as the first official communication under Article 96(2) and Rule 51(2) EPC.

If the examination fee has already been paid and the right to the communication under Article 96(1) EPC has been waived for this application, the first official communication under Article 96(2) and Rule 51(2) EPC will be issued promptly.



The examination is being carried out on the **following application documents**:

Text for the Contracting States:

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Description, pages:

2-31 as originally filed

Claims, No.:

1-11 as originally filed

- 1). The following documents (D) are referred to in this communication; the numbering will be adhered to in the rest of the procedure:

D1: US-A-5 466 947

D2: US-A-5 459 114

D3: EP-A-0 288 038

D4: EP-A-1 113 458

D1 a stimuable phosphor screen having a protective layer that comprises a polyxylylene film, see D2, column 2, lines 40 to 65, claims 1 and 19.

D2 relates to a method for producing ceramic products.

D3 discloses a radiation image storage panel comprising a phosphor layer impregnated with a polymer material, for example a thermosetting resin, see D3, page 9, lines 21 to 31, example 1.

D4 discloses a binderless storage phosphor screen with needle shaped crystal without any protective layer or polymeric compound in order to fill the voids between the needles.

- 2). D1 to D4 do not disclose any stimuable phosphor screen having a support, a phosphor layer, a first transparent organic film and a second transparent film containing polysilazane or polysiloxazane and/or compatible polymers.

Claims 1 and 8 are therefore novel.



- 3). The problem underlying the present application may be regarded as the provision of a (binderless) stimuable phosphor screen resistant to moisture

The applicants do not demonstrate that all the claimed screens disclosed in claim 1 or prepared with the method disclosed in claim 8 solve the problem posed since there is no experimental data neither in the description nor in the example for all these screens.

- 4). If the applicants wish to pursue this application, they are invited to take position on the objections raised above and to provide a new set of claims which overcomes these objections.

The description should be brought into accord with any amended claims (article 84 EPC). All amendments must meet the requirements of article 123(2) EPC. The applicants are asked to submit any modification in the form of handwritten corrections and also in the form of typewritten amendments (rules 35(10), 36(1) EPC). For each amendment the applicants are asked to indicate the support in the original disclosure (Guidelines E-II 1.).